

Amendments to the Specification

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 24, at line ~~11~~³ as shown below:

B1 NID 510 receives the DSL packets and forwards the packets to customer premises (CPE) equipment 512, such as a gateway or modem. Preferably, the CPE serves as an interface for various customer communication and information devices including computers, audio and video receivers, telephones, video phones, telemetry equipment, and the like. The use of HDT 500 to carry multiple channels of information to CPE 512 is described in U.S. Patent Application ~~Serial~~ No. 6,542,266 ~~09/339,597~~ titled "System and Method for Providing Broadband Data Service" to Bruce Phillips *et al.*, issued April 1, 2003 ~~filed June 24, 1999~~, which is incorporated by reference herein.